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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE APPRECIATE YOUR
CONSTRUCTIVE CABLE CONCERNING ARGENTINE MISSION. WE
FULLY AGREE THAT PREPARATORY WORK IS ADVISABLE TO ASSURE
SUCCESS. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH
GENERAL VIOLA ALONG LINES YOU SUGGESTED IN PARA 5, REFTEL,
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING.

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INTERESTED IN OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS
CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE INTERESTED
IN AND WOULD WELCOME THE NORMALIZATION OF ARREST AND
DETENTION PROCEDURES AS WELL AS A PROGRAM FOR THE RELEASE
OF PRISONERS HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION. YOU SHOULD
STRESS THAT THESE AND OTHER STEPS BY THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WOULD

HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO.

IN YOUR PRESENTATION YOU SHOULD AVOID ANY IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN "ESCAPE HATCH." RATHER, WE ARE INTERESTED IN A SERIOUS EXCHANGE WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AS TO WHERE OUR RELATIONSHIP IS HEADING IN VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.

3. BECAUSE THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION IS STILL UNRESOLVED, YOU SHOULD SIMPLY REFER TO IT AS "HIGH LEVEL," BUT YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE BOTH STATE DEPARTMENT AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY IN MAY 17-25 TIME FRAME. VANCE

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